



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Public Notice of Proposed Action

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The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received an application for renewal and modification of discharge permit # NEV87047 from the following applicant:

McGill-Ruth Consolidated Sewer and Water General Improvement District
P.O. Box 1376
McGill, NV 89318

The Permittee operates the Ruth Treatment Ponds for the Town of Ruth in Ruth (RTP), White Pine County, Nevada. The Town of Ruth is located 6 miles northwest of Ely on S.R. 485. The RTP currently consists of four unlined facultative treatment ponds, which are connected in series. Treatment in these ponds occurs by biological stabilization processes. The Permittee proposes to add two additional facultative ponds, lined with High Density Polyethylene (HDPE), and to line the existing pond #1 with HDPE. The existing #1 pond would serve as a finishing pond for the treatment of the influent. The remaining three existing ponds would remain unlined and serve as percolation basins. The Permittee has requested an increase in flow from 40,000 gallons per day (gpd) to 60,000 gpd. The Division has made the tentative determination to issue (renew) the proposed discharge permit with modifications for a period of five (5) years.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Division, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code-Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or requests, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, closing at 5:00 P.M. on **November 9, 2007**, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701

The request must be received within the 30-day comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received by 5:00 PM on **November 9, 2007** will be considered in the formulation of final determination regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. Public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

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If a hearing is not held and the determination of the Administrator is substantially changed from the tentative determination, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determination. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Jim Hogan at the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at 775.687.9434; facsimile: 775.687.4684; or email: jhogan@ndep.nv.gov. This notice and the Fact Sheet for this facility are also available on the NDEP website at www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.